

### REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 24-35, 42-53, 60-71, 78-89, 96-101, 108-113, 120-125, 132-137, 144-149, 156-161, 168-173, and 180-185. Claims 1-17 were previously cancelled. Claims 18-23, 36-41, 54-59, 72-77, 90-95, 102-107, 114-119, 126-131, 138-143, 150-155, 162-167, 174-179, and 186-187 remain pending.

Claims 18-23, 36-41, 186 and 187 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 6, and 9-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,298,315 B1. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate this double patenting rejection. As the Examiner has made no other rejection of claims 18-23, 36-41, and 186-187, it is believed that the submitted terminal disclaimer puts claims 18-23, 36-41, 54-59, 72-77, 90-95, 102-107, 114-119, 126-131, 138-143, 150-155, 162-167, 174-179, and 186-187 in condition for allowance.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

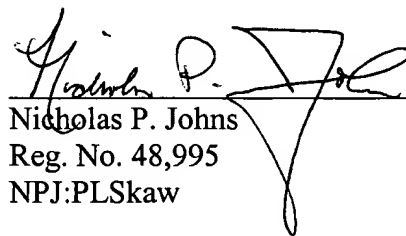
If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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